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LY PRAYER-MEETING.

TO PREACH IN THE CHURCH TO-MORROW MORN-ING-HIS IDEA OF A CHURCH AND THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY EXPLAINED.

Plymouth Church last Wednesday had a chance to judge of the intellectuality of the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, whom it hopes to win from Chicago to succeed the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, when he lectured on Ruskin. Last night at the weekly prayer-meeting Plymouth had the opporunity to judge of the spirituality of the young Dr. Abbott, who led the meeting, was on the platform with Dr. Hillis. The former spoke at length after the latter, and the congregation took advantage of the opportunity to compare, or, to use a hatter word contrast, not only the appearance and manner of the two men, but also their style of talking and method of treating the

Dr. Abbott, in speaking of Dr. Hillis, referred to him as one whom they hoped soon to have with them permanently. In giving an excuse for the announcement that to-morrow, when Dr. Hillis each, the pews would be held for their reguocupants longer than usual, he said he hoped mouth would in the future be able to often wite the stranger to listen to Dr. Hillis,

prayer-meeting room was so crowded that it found necessary to open the church parlors. After the service was over the people crowded to the front to greet the minister.

The subject of the evening was the New Testament Church. After several had spoken, Dr. Abcalled upon Dr. Hillis.

He traced the growth of the church and spoke he friendships and companionships which, as n every walk of life, ald those banded together to object of their desire. His idea of a ch, he said, was somewhat different from many "There are exclusive churches," he the members of which say to themselves, We are the cream of the city.' And so they are, are the ice cream; and any plety which to be preserved by going into a refrigerator of an aristocratic church, where, as in a pickle jar, it is believed that the contents should of the same magnitude. But such a church it only keeps them from spoiling.

My idea of a church is one that is made elasses rich and poor, high and low, the ten-ent men, the two-taient men and the one-talent en-those who lead and those whose joy it is to

speaking of the Christian ministry he said:
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sus Christ has revolutionized all modern soThe Christian minister never had such res and such inducements as to-day. The minis one of the greatest professions. A man
is not in it must make millions of dollars to
sum for what he is lossing by not being a minof Christ. I would rather go to a rude village
suk to men crude and ignorant and keep their
pointing to tiod's shining city than to enjoy
of the great hences of earth or to sit on any

osing he paid a well-turned compliment to short by saying: "But I know that you all a hear from Dr. Abbott on this subject, or said in Now-England, 'The idea of re-moved the said in the said of religion here is what

will preach in Plymouth Church to-ning on "The Intellectual Supremacy ist in the Realm of Genius."

PRINCIPAL WILLIAMS ACQUITTED.

MIS PUNISHMENT OF EAST MORICHES BOYS JUSTIFIED BY THE JURY.

Past Moriches, Long Island, Jan. 13.-A jury sumened to hear the testimony against Principal David N. Williams, who was charged with flogging four boys with undue severity, this evening brought in a verdict in favor of the principal and acquitted him of the charge made against him. It was alleged that the teacher punished the four boys, Irv-John Drake, Walter Raynor and Gilbert Higgins, beating them with a rubber hose. Mr. Lawrence gained his suit on proof of heirship to Colonial purchases from the town two hundred by the offence. They boys are alleged to have insalted a girl. They are all about fourteen years oid and the girl was about the same age. The improper language is said to have been used by Higgins, and it was charged that the other boys urged him on.

Mr. Lawrence gained his suit on proof of heirship to Colonial purchases from the town thou years of more ago. Mr. Frost's suit is based on years of more ago. Mr

Mr. Williams asked a jury trial, and it was granted. All of the jurymen were from distant points in the township, most of them from Patchogue, as this was thought fair to both sides, on the ground that local jurors would be influenced against the principal. After hearing the testimony the jury apparents thought the boys deserved and that Mr. Williams was not oversever, for they brought in their verdict in his favor.

favor. This action has caused considerable dissatisfaction on the part of the friends of the boys. It is understood that Mr. Williams has placed his resignation at the disposal of the school trustees. He has been considered an excellent teacher and administrator, and the School Board admits that it will be sorry to loss bits.

to lose him.

Last night counsel for Mr. Williams tried to have
Supreme Court Justice Smith order the case transferred from East Moriches to the Grand Jury, but
the Justice denied the motion.

BIG VERDICT FOR A BOY'S INJURIES.

ONE FOOT AND FIVE TOES VALUED BY A JURY

AT \$23,000. Brooklyn juries are getting reputations for large refdicts, many of which are afterward scaled

down by the higher courts. One of the largest erdicts ever given in the local courts against a trolley company was that awarded yesterday to Walter Froeble, a seven-year-old lad, against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company for \$23,000 for the loss of his right leg below the knee and the The accident happened on July 6 last at Graham-

are and Maujer-st. The lad was trying to cross the tracks when he was run down. It was alleged by the defence that the boy was careless, but the complaint blamed the motorman.

GENERAL TRACY CAUGHT NAPPING.

A CERTIFICATE OF REASONABLE DOUBT NEEDED IN THE CITY WORKS CASES.

General Tracy, as counsel for Theodore B. Willis and William E. Philips, was caught by the Court of Appeals Judges on Thursday when he appeared before them to argue the case of the City Works officials. He came before the Appellate Division,

in Brooklyn, yesterday and said:
"If the Court please, on the argument in the Court of Appeals yesterday on the appeal from the judgment of this Court overruling the demurrer to the indictment for conspiracy against Willis and Philips. Chief Judge Parker suggested a doubt whether under the Constitution, the Court of Appeals had any jurisdiction to hear the appeal, unless this Court gave a certificate of reasonable doubt whether it had erred or not. The Chief Judge also suggested that such a certificate would save all question, and that it would be well to procure one. We therefore, apply to Your Honor for a certificate of reasonable doubt.

District-Attorney Steele did not oppose the request, and General Tracy was allowed to prepare the necessary certificate, which the Appellate Division Judges will sign at once. the indictment for conspiracy against Willis and

GRAND ARMY INSTALLATIONS. A public installation of the new officers of U. S.

Congregational Church on Tuesday night next. asiallation of Erastus T. Tefft Grand Army Post's new officers will take place on Wednesday next in Memorial Hall, Flathush-ave., at 8 o'clock. A musical and literary programme has been prepared and a feature of the evening will be a reception for Major George A. Price and others of I. S. Grant Post. Major Price is to be the installing officer. William E. Tefft has provided a handsome banner for the post, and it will be presented by John N. Beach.

VETERANS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Washington, Jan. 13.-Joseph W. Kay and Walter Thorne, of Brooklyn, representing the War Veter-\$58 Association, are in Washington to confer with vice, with a view to securing action on the Senate bill to amend the 'aw relating to the appointment of Union veterans in the Civil Service, so that its benefits will be shared by honorably discharged veterans of the Civil War, whether physically disabled or not. The bill passed the Senate last spring, and was favorably reported to the House last summer by the House committee.

A CROWD HEARS DR. HILLIS. LIVELY TIMES FOR TRENCHARD.

HE SPEAKS BEFORE PLYMOUTH'S WEEK- THE LIEUTENANT HAS SOME THRILLING EXPERIENCES IN PORTO RICO,

ALSO SOME TITLES. Lieutenant George W. Trenchard, who has been prominently interested in Republican politics in the Eastern District, is leading an exciting life as a member of the 47th Regiment in Porto Rico, judging from a letter which has been received. has arrested two desperadoes, one of whom he was later obliged to kill in self-defence.

In speaking of his first experience, he writes 'One day I was ordered to go up to a plantation and take a man who had carved another one to pieces. When we started to ride after the man my hair stood on end, as we went along a road about two or three feet wide and overlooking a precipice several hundred feet deep.

Lieutenant Trenchard's next experience was even more exciting. He says:

The next fellow was a tough one. He was wanted at Humacoa for manslaughter and at a dozen other places for burglary. I found him ep, and woke him up. While he was dressing his mother attempted to put out the light. As I moved toward the door with the prisoner he attempted to run, and I was forced to knock him down. When we reached the darkest corner of the town, the man suddenly seized me, and soon we were at it hammer and tongs. He was making it warm for me when I thought that it was time to call a halt. After a struggle I got my gun and shot the man twice in the back. He died the next day without regaining consciousness. A court of inquiry was appointed, and I was exonerated. Lieutenant Trenchard writes that he is becoming round-shouldered carrying around the following titles: First lieutenant, post commissary of subsistence, post quartermaster, chief of scouts, quartermaster of the port, president of the summary court and permanent officer of the day. his mother attempted to put out the light. As I

CLIFT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

SHOT AT BY AN ASSISTANT WHOSE DIS-CHARGE HE HAD RECOMMENDED.

Bernard Miles, an assistant engineer at the pumping station of the Gravesend Water Works, was held yesterday for the Grand Jury by Magistrate Steers, in the Flatbush Court, for attempting to kill Charles W. Clift, the engineer in charge of the Mount Prospect, Gravesend and New-Utrecht pumping stations. In default of \$2,000 bail Miles was

On account of his intemperate habits he had be the of the said that Clift had recom mended his dismissal. Despondent, and with every mended his dismissai. Despondent, and with every probability of continuing cut of work, Miles went to Clift's home, No. 333 Fark Place, about 2 o'clock yes-terday morning and upbraided him for his recom-mendation. Miles then drew a revolver and fired two shots. One of the balls clipped a small plece out of Clift's ear and the powder burned his neck leady.

badly.

The assailant then caimly went to the street, bought a glass of whiskey, and, going to the Grand-st, police station, gave himself up, after explaining the circumstances. He is said to have told Policeman Carney that he had planned to kill his wife and children. He was taken immediately to the Flatbush police court, where he was held.

WHO OWNS LONG BEACH?

VALUABLE OCEAN-FRONT PROPERTY IN LITIGATION.

Rockville Centre, Long Island, Jan. 12.-Hempstead Town may lose the whole stretch of fifteen miles of beach fronting the ocean, which forms the town's southern boundary, from Far Rockaway to the town line of Oyster Bay, at Massapequa, and including a portion of the Hempstead bay lying inside the beach. This includes the whole of Long Beach, Short Beach and Jones's Beach, and portions of the adjacent bay and marshes.

Carman Frost has brought action against Superrisor Cox, of Hempstead, which he bases on the Court of Appeals decision given some months ago, which awarded to Newbold T. Lawrence the stretch of beach running from Well's Lane, at Far Rockaway to East Rockaway Bay, and including the west end of Long Beach. This took away about five miles of supposed town property fronting on the ocean, a part of which is now in New-York

Mr. Lawrence gained his suit on proof of heirship

ceiver Paul K. Ames, of the Long Beach Company, is made a party to the suit, and at tenants have been ordered to pay no more ren to the town.

Mr. Frost says he expects to recover several thousand dollars for rents collected by the town.

"FAUST" READ BY GEORGE RIDDLE.

A LARGE AUDIENCE AT THE FIRST READING OF THE INSTITUTE SERIES.

George Riddle was welcomed at his first reading of the season under the direction of the Brooklys. Institute of Arts and Sciences yesterday afternoon, in Association Hall. Bond and Fulton sts., by an audience which completely filled the hall. For several years Mr. Riddle has come from Boston to give a course of dramatic readings before the members of the institute, and he has established himself as easily the most popular of the many readers who have been heard in Brooklyn through the enterprise of the institute. The readings of the last year or two have been accompanied frequently by both orchestral and vocal music. Yesterday after-noon Goethe's "Faust" was the subject of Mr. Riddle's interpretation, and an orchestra of considerable size, under the direction of Arthur Claus-sen, assisted the reader.

All the principal scenes of the drama were

brought vividly before the audience, and in his ac customed fashion Mr. Riddle differentiated the various characters by changes in voice, manner and various characters by changes in voice, manner and facial appearance. The music was from the Gounod opera, except two numbers, one the Mephistopheles' Screnade, by Berlioz, and the other a composition of Berlioz and Gounod. Much of the music of the opera was played; in fact, all of the most popular paris. During the greater part of the reading the orchestra and the reader were heard in alternation, but occasionally Mr. Riddle spoke while the orchestra was playing, the music making an accompaniment to his interpretation.

Throughout the course of readings given by Mr. Riddle, the programme for Friday afternoon will be repeated on Saturday evening, so "Faust" will be given again this evening.

be repeated on Sattue the second of the rext reading will be on January 27 and 28, when "A Midsummer Night's bream" will be given, with orchestral music and a female chorus.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

At the Church of Divine Communion, Bedford ave, and Madison-st., on next Sunday evening there will be services as usual, consisting of, be sides the regular service, vocal and instrumental music. Professor Angus Wright will preside at organ, and Professor Whitelaw will give a in solo. The Rev. Ira Moore Courlis will give violin solo. The Rev. Ira Moore Courils will give a short Bible lecture.

Meetings will continue in Hanson Place Baptist

Church every evening next week, except Saturday, Church every evening next week, except Saturday, and the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Dixon, will continue to preach at each service on the general theme "How to Be Saved." On Monday evening the subject will be: "How a Rich Man Was Saved." "The Place of Young Men in the World's Advance; Some Facts About the Winning Life" will be the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Dr. J. F. Carson in the Central Presbyterian Church, Jefferson and Marcy aves., to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. I. H. Meredith will sing at all services.

TO DISCUSS THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. The Brooklyn Parliamentary Debating Club will neet at the home of Miss Bernard, No. 1.26 Paon Monday next, at 8 p. m.; question, "Resolved, that the present freedom of the press is desirable"; affirmative. Mr. Holywell; negative, Mr. Darcy.

DROWNED WHILE DUCK-HUNTING.

Port Washington, Long Island, Jan. 13.-Frank Smith, nineteen years old, was drowned in the Sound off Sands Point to-day while duck-hunting He was accompanied on the shooting trip by How-ard Booth. Smith stayed in the battery after fixing onfer with the decoys, and Booth rowed some distance away Civil Ser- to pick up the birds after they were shot. Booth saw Smith stand up in his little boat and wave his hands, and then he disappeared. Booth rowed hurriedly to the spot, but both boat and Smith had sank out of sight. The gunning boat was heavily loaded with pig from. Whether it sprung a leak or was swamped by the waves is not known.

Smith was a son of Jacob Smith, proprietor of the Macedonia Hotel, at City Island.

POLICE RESERVES CALLED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 108.

PRINCIPAL STEVENS'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF PREE LECTURE CAUSED A STAMPEDE WHICH NEARLY ENDED

IN A RIOT. The people of East New-York are undecided whether Principal Stevens of Public School No. 108, at Arlington-ave. and Linwood-st., is the king of practical jokers or simply a forgiving, accommodating person.

The Fortnightly Library Club of East New York, when the Library Association took charge of its library, turned its thoughts to free lect-108, but as Principal Stevens declared that he have the use of a public building to entertain "its friends" the club ignored him, and got permission from the local School Board to use the lecture by Charles M. Skinner entitled "Across legislation to restrict this industry. British America" was announced for Thursday

For two days before the lecture night Princi pal Stevens announced to the twenty-four hundred pupils of the school that there was to be a free illustrated lecture there on Thursday

ing, and they and their parents were invited.

The result was that a crowd of five thousand clamored for admission, and the reserves had to be called out to preserve order. As it was, disappointed boys threw stones and broke some of the school windows. The pictures were shown, but the children that were jammed into a room with a scating capacity of only twelve hundred were so noisy that the speaker could not make himself heard. Mr. Stevens said yesterday that he had an-

nounced the lecture to the children because was asked to do so by a representative of If lectures were given in the schoolhouse he said, he thought they should be under the direction of the School Board.

END OF THE INEBRIATES' HOME.

THE LAST OF THE PROPERTY SOLD-DEBTS TO BE PAID AND ITS AFFAIRS

SETTLED. With the purchase made by C. N. Moody & Co. real estate brokers, of No. 189 Montague-st., of the emaining property of the Inebriates' Home for Kings County, that institution practically passes This purchase made recently in cludes 160 lots and gores between Second and Third es., and Eighty-ninth and Ninety-second sts., including all the buildings of the Home. The price paid is \$55,000. Some time ago Frederick Cocheu purchased the southern half of the property from the trustees of the Home.

The original outlay for the estate was \$175,000, of which Kings County furnished \$75,000. The trustees which Kings County furnished \$45,000. The trustees after repaying this money to the county and paying debts amounting to about \$49,000, the remainder of the \$132,000 now in the treasure will be divided among the trustees by way of compensation for their services in closing up the affairs of the institution. The trustees are: John Nevtile, president; Lewis R. Stegman, secretary; Samuel Richards, Samuel A. Avila, John Cowenhoven, Franklin Coleman, Michael J. Kenredy, William Keegan and Carman V. Storms.

SOCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

The second of the Friday evening subscription ances took place at the Plerreport Assembly tooms last evening. The cotillon was led by Rooms last evening. Wyllys Terry and Miss Madeline Litchfield dancing at one end, and Howard Hazelhurst and Miss William B. Kendall, ir., Mrs. James W. McBride Winam B. Kendall, Jr., Mrs. James W. McBride, Mrs. A. A. Low and Mrs. Edward H. Litchfield. The ballroom decorations were white and green, and the favors were horns of plenty, painted cal-endars and painted candelabra shades for the girls and long thesel-trimmed wands, tiny red figures of devils and cards covered with red satin, on which were painted figures, for the men.

The usual dance was given last evening by the Dyker Heights Club at the clubhouse. About sixty club members and their guests were present. The dance was in charge of the House Committee, of which Frank Le Feyre is chairman.

Music lovers and dancers crowded the Pouch Manon last evening on the occasion of the long-herald d entertainment of the Rainbow Cot Association. the first to hear the music interpreted by Paul Tidden, planist, and Mrs. A. D. Browniee, soprano soloist of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, the music, and for which Frank L. Sniffen, Harry tion to succeed himself," and that "he cannot and the others to join in the dance which followed Beebe, Edward A. Caner and Narcisso Mario Nunoz were the committee, while Mrs. A. D. Goddard and Mrs. Frank L. Sniffen were the Committee of Whole. The following were the patronesses Mrs. William Edwin Arnold, Mrs. William E. O. Bebee Mrs. H. C. Bainbridge, Mrs. William Patter son Boggs, Mrs. Marcus L. Balley, Mrs. Edward T. Cockey, Mrs. Edward A. Caner, Mrs. Edward F. De Beikedon, Mrs. James P. Eddy, Mrs. Adele Gedney, Mrs. A. D. Goddard, Mrs. Clarence Irish, Mrs. William C. Kingsley, Mrs. Abner C. Keeney, Mrs. Narcisso Mario Nunoz, Mrs. Francis Noble, Mrs. Emma L. Prait, Mrs. Chester I. Richards, Mrs. Frank L. Sniffen, Mrs. Harry L. Thompson, Mrs. John B. Van Every, Mrs. J. J. Wilson and Mrs. John B. Van Every, Mrs. J. J. Wilson and Mrs. Charles Willard. For the musical Mr. Tidden's numbers were the G minor bailade. "The Berceuse"; the D flat waltz and an etude, all by Chopin; the Liszt fantania on the Mendelssohn "Midsummer Night's Dream," a march, op. S. Brockway, waltz, on. 21. Boldini, and "The Juggleress," Moszkowski, Mrs. Brownlee sang "How Could I Fain Have Slumbered". Von Weber: "A Dream," Bartlett, and "Lilies." Nevin.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Shearman, of No. 176 Columbia Heights, gave an informal dinner last evening for Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Newell Hillis, the other guesis being the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Ly-man Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Pratt. Mr and Mrs. F. A. Hinrichs and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van

Mrs. Richard Lawrence Makin, of No. 68 Cambridge Place, announces second and fourth Wednesdays.

A pleasant subscription dance was held last evenng at the Mansion House. The de orations of the large ballroom were wild smilax and palms. patronesses, all of whom were present, were Mrs. Richard De Ronde, Mrs. David Hunt, Mrs. George E. Miles and Mrs. J. G. Van Cleaf. Excellent arrangements were carried out under the supervision of Valentine Scaman, jr., Walter Stevens, jr., Arthur Ray Hunt and Lea Herrick.

Mrs. William Henry Dudley and Miss Dudley, of No. 159 Williow-st., held the second reception of their series of two on Friday afternoon. The flowers used were American Beauties, with a grouping of palms in the background. The hostesses were assisted by Mrs. William Frederick Dudley Mrs. Otis Averill, Mrs. William Frederick Dudley, Mrs. Allen Hand, Miss Hnisted, Mrs. Howard Ste-vens Hadden and Mrs. Louis Jewett Prager, and from Manhattan Mrs. J. R. Nevius and Mrs. Rich-mond Mayo Smith.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE RENSHAW

George Renshaw, a pioneer in the japanning business in this country and a well-known amateur artist, died at his home. No. 889 Putnam-ave., on Thursday. He had been sick only four weeks. Mr. Renshaw was born in Birmingham, England, seventy-five years ago, and came to this country fifty years ago, making his home in Williamsburg. His place of business was at Fulton and Pearl sts., New-York. Afterward he was associated with Taylor & Hodgett and E. Ketcham & Co. In the East-

New York. Afterward is lor & Hodgett and E. Ketcham & Co. in the Eastern District, continuing with the latter twenty-five years. He was a past master of John D. Willard Masonic Lodge, in Manhattan, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Renshaw's business developed his artistic tastes, and he early devoted his spare hours to painting. In the pariors of his late home are strikingly faithful copies of Stuart's 'Washington' and Landseer's "Wounded Hound," while all about are original works in oil, water colors and pastel. Another line of artistic work in which he was proficient was making mother-of-pearl inlaid cabinets and fancy boxes. There are a number of fine examples in the possession of Mr. Renshaw's family. He leaves a widow three sons and two daughtys. The funeral will take place this evening at the house, and probably will be conducted by a Swedenborgian minister, as Mr. Renshaw attended that church. Burial will be in Cypress Hills.

JOHN F. BATTERMAN.

John F. Batterman, father of Henry Batterman, the Brooklyn drygoods merchant, died at his home.

No. 114 Clarkson-st., Flatbush, yesterday, at the age of seventy-nine years. He had been ill with pneumonia for several weeks. Mr. Batterman was born in Hanover, Garmany, and came to this country when he was nineteen years old. He es-tablished a soda-water business in Williamsburg, in which he prospered. He retired from business in 1805, and had lived quietly in Flatbush for many years. He leaves two sons, Henry and William, and a married daughter, Mrs. Munding.

CHILDREN CAUSED TROUBLE THE NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY

AS A JERSEYMAN SEES IT. THE PROPOSED NAVAL MAGAZINE.

One of the rules of politics is not to do what your opponent wants you to do, but the Republican Senators may make an exception in the case of Senator Allan L. McDermott's invitation to investigate Hudson County election methods, taking it for granted that the Senator is sincere in making his proposition. There are no joker" ballots in the boxes used at the election last November, such as were discovered by the Gardner committee some years ago, but an investigating committee should have no difficulty in getting much important information as to ures. It proposed to give a lecture in School No. how the registry lists were padded and how repeaters voted on the names of persons regisdid not see why the Fortnightly Club should tered, legally and illegally, who failed to show up at the polls. In short, they ought to be able to unravel the mystery of an increase of 33 1-3 per cent increase in the Democratic vote of assembly-room of the school. An illustrated Hudson County, and thus furnish a basis for

> In case the Senate decides to appoint an investigating committee, that committee need not be confined to an inquiry into election frauds. It could be vested with discretionary power to take up anything. For instance, it might take up the task of probing into the county government, where it was dropped by the Gledhill Assembly Committee, when Mr. McDermott snuffed out that committee last year. And the Grand Juries of Hudson would bear a little attention, in view of some recent performances and Supreme Court Justice Lippincott's criti-

> "Almost a peaceable meeting" is the heading of a Hackensack newspaper over the report of the local governing body's session this week. But the worthy Town Fathers kept up the record by having a pretty warm time of it before separating.

> Benjamin Eastwood, a Paterson manufacturer, has solved the Passalc pollution problem. At least he thinks so, and it is just possible that his scheme might work. Mr. Eastwood's plan is to provide an open course for the river by paving its bed. Objection is made to this that it would simply make an open sewer of the Passaic. Paterson has succeeded fairly well in accomplishing that already, and the paving might have the effect of carrying its sewage down to the towns below.

Three or four townships in Bergen County called upon the State Board of Taxation to come and see how their taxes had been piled up above the legal limit. Some of the witnesses didn't know the value of their own property, and hadn't the slightest idea how they were assessed, but they were sure that the assessments were too high. While a few individual cases of inequality were shown, the townships apparently failed to prove that the aggregate assessments were too high

A bill has been introduced in the New-York Legislature to provide for the publication of the tax lists. This method is in force eisewhere, and it works satisfactorily. How about trying it in New-Jersey?

The promoters of the Jersey City water contract are getting uneasy over Mayor Hoos's delay in signing it. Without the Mayor's signature the contract is void. His term expires next April, and he is much in the same predicament that Mayor Wanser was two years ago, when a contract was turned over to him. "The Jersey City News" is decidedly impatient over the hesitancy of Mayor Hoos. It says that he "was a party to every step taken," and that "to demand a new expert investigation now, or any other sort of investigation, is mere foolery mere child's play. It is an insult to the public intelligence and an outrage on the contractor, who will be perfectly justified in withdrawing his bid if any such thing is attempted."

"The News" wants to know what Mayor Hoos is afraid of. Then it refers to the gossip "that what makes Mayor Hoos nervous is his ambimake up his mind whether the new water supply is more likely to float him into port or drown

That paper sums up the situation thus: "Let him boldly kill the contract and he has a chance. Let him boldly sign it, and he has a better one."

For a long time the Right Honorable Robert Davis tried to hide his light under a bushel. He forbade his trusty retainers and the publishers of the court journals from singing songs of his greatnesc-his achievements and his powers. And "Bob" himself was equally modest. He couldn't be brought to admit that he was in the front rank of leaders and statesmen. That policy of self-obscuration has gradually been hammered out of existence. The Robert Davis Association has within its ranks every Demoeratic office-holder in Hudson County, and in opening a fair for that association the other evening Mayor Hoos said:

evening Mayor Hoos said:

Now, just one word more about the modest and unassuming standard hearer, Mr. Davis, to whom personally belongs some further praise. I selected him without advice from any one, and without solicitation on his part, to serve the city in the capacity of Collector of Taxes. His able management of that office, his kindness and courtesy to all who have business with him, has pertesy to all who have business with him, has pertesy to all who have business with him, has pertesy to all who have business with him, has pertesy to all who have business with him, has pertesy to all who have business with him, has pertent to all the perfect many selection. Long may he and the association which bears his name live and prosper, when, as now, all their efforts are used to secure and maintain a creditable government for the people through the Democratic party!

The distinguished owner of the Democratic party in Hudson County supplemented these timely words with several remarks a day or two later, "Bob" was talking about certain misdoings of the County Freeholders, who are supposed to be elected by the people, and he gave forth this gem:

"I am supposed to be responsible for the nomination and election of some of the Freeholders. That being the case, they will do what is right or they won't stay in the Board." That has the right ring about it. "Bob" has

assumed the task of governing Hudson County, and if his understrappers don't obey orders he should fire them without compunction.

PROPERTY OF THE SISTERHOOD TAXED. The Sisters of St. Elizabeth, a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church, own some private dwellings in Erie-st., which have been taxed by the Tax Board. The Sisters contend that their order is a charitable organization, and that the property is exempt. The Tax Commissioners hold that the property is exempt. The Tax Commissioners hold that the property is rented to tenants, and is not exempt. The society has procured a writ of certiforari, and the action of the city officials will be submitted to the Supreme Court for review.

HOW FAR IS JERSEY CITY PROTECTED! Mayor Hoos of Jersey City has requested Cor-poration Counsel McDermott to submit an opinion as to the extent to which the city's rights are pro-tected under the proposed water contract.

A YOUNG BRIDEGROOM KILLED. Elizabeth, Jan. 13 (Special).-Michael Forrack,

employed at the Bowker fertilizing works was employed at the Bowker to the badly burned there late yesterday afternoon by an explosion of dry bone dust. He died this morning in the Elizabeth General Hospital. Forrack was married only two months ago, and leaves a bride twenty years old. He was twenty-three years old. WORK ON THE NEW SPUR SUSPENDED.

Because of the hostility of the municipal authorities of Bayonne to the tracks crossing East Twenty-zecond-st., that city, at grade, the officials of the Bergen Neck, Kill von Kull and National Storage Docks Railroad Company have had suspended the work of building a spur of their road across the sait meadows at Constable Hook to a tide-water outlet near the big refineries on the Kill von Kull shore. The railroad aiready has tracks along the shore of New-York Bay to Constable Hook, but the spur would be a much shorter routs. ties of Bayonne to the tracks crossing East

OPPOSITION TO ITS LOCATION AT EDGE-

WATER WITHDRAWN. Washington, Jan. 13 (Special).-Representative Stewart has seen Chairman Boutelle of the House Committee on Naval Affairs in relation the proposed naval magazine at Edgewater Commander O'Neil, in charge of the Ordnance Bureau of the Navy Department, has sent to Mr. Boutelle clippings from The Tribune in which it was stated that the people there favored the magazine, and desired Judge Stewart to withdraw his opposition. The New-Jer-sey Congressman said to Chairman Boutelle that, although he had received no communication on the subject, he should accept the news-paper publications as sufficient evidence of the will of his constituents and would accordingly cease to oppose the measure. The chairman and other members of the committee have accorded to Judge Stewart all facilities desired by

THE UNION COUNTY BOULEVARD.

TESTIMONY OF AGGRIEVED PROPERTY OWNERS TAKEN BY A COMMISSIONER.

Elizabeth, Jan. 13 (Special).-A large crowd of ejectors appeared to-day before Herbert Knight, the special commissioner appointed to take testi-mony in the case of the Westfield Avenue County mony in the case of the Westfield Avenue County Boulevard. The objectors, all of whom live in Union Township, think the awards made by the Commissioners appointed by the Court to con-demn their property are too low. The testimony will be submitted to Justice Van Syckel, who will hold a hearing in the case on Monday, January 23. Most of the objectors were represented to-day by counsel, and the taking of their testimony occupied all day. The Commissioners who made the award were also present, and gave testimony.

WANT THE SALE SET ASIDE.

THE RECEIVER OF A COMPANY MAKES CHARGES OF FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY. James L. Hays, receiver for the Celluloid Emery

Wheel Company, of Newark, began suit in the Vice-Chancellor's court at Newark against Daniel Pierson, Jr., and Albert C. Courter, asking that the sale of the property and assets of the company be set aside as fraudulent, and that they be turned over to the company for the benefit of the creditors. The company was organized by the two men and Charles P. Zimmer nam, in March, 1825, with a capital stock of \$6,000, of which \$50,000 was paid in. The receiver alleges that from the beginning Plerson and Courter conspliced to divert to themselves the company's assets, and that they drew large salaries while engaged in other business, and intentionally neglected the company's business. Since January, 1825, they had largely devoted their time to the building up of the Electric Emery Wheel Company, which they controlled, and the receiver says they conspired to wreck the Celluloid Emery Wheel Company and to transfer the business, and afterward the property, to themselves. A contract was made for the celluloid company with the electric company got judgment by default for \$4,000, and the company's plant was said by the Sheriff to Pierson and Courter for \$1,000. The property cost \$25,000 eighteen months receivorsly, and, it is alleged, was worth \$6,000 at the time of the safe. The receiver claims that the whole transaction is void because the business of the two companies was conducted in the same office, and the expenses properly belonging to one are charged up against the other. ale of the property and assets of the company t

the other.

The defendants make a denial of all the charges of fraud, and contend that they were drawn into a losing business when they went into the celluloid company, and were compelled to bring suit. The case went over to next Wednesday.

THE TABERNACLE NOT TO BE CLOSED.

IT OBTAINS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE AFTER A STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DOMINANT FAC-TION OF THE CONGREGATION.

The members of the First Congregational Church Thursday discussing the question whether the Tabernacle Branch of the church should be closed. The members of the Hill Branch Church decided to church had reported that it had secured subscrip sition manifest to indulge in personalities, but Chairman Russell promptly checked it. The following resolution was adomed:

Resolved, first. That the preaching services in the Tabernacle be continued, providing the necessary money be raised; second, that there be an assistant pastor or stated supply, who shall minister only to the Tabernacle people for the Tabernacle Branch; that there be one treasurer, and that all money raised for the Tabernacle shall be expended in that branch. The meeting was abruptly closed by a motion to

adjourn, while the question was being discussed as to whether the Tabernacle should assume all the the consolidation of the two churches. In the de-bate one of the Tabernacle members said saidly: "The two churches were united for mutual gain. What is the result? The Hill Church has taken our pastor, has taken our name and now wants to take our property."

HARMONY RESTORED.

LAST SESSIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRI CULTURE-MORE MONEY WANTED FOR

Trenton, Jan. 13 (Special).—The last session of the State Board of Agriculture was held to-day. A resolution was unanimously adopted sustaining the actions of the Executive Committee, and ex-

the actions of the executive Committee, and ex-pressing entire confidence in all its officers. The resolution was prepared to smooth over the disturb-ance of yesterday.

The Executive Committee reported in favor of asking the Legislature for an increased appropria-tion for stone roads for the coming year. The mat-ter was referred to the Committee on Legislation. with power to act.

A resolution was adopted asking New-Jersey's

A resolution in Congress to support the bills for

representatives in Congress to support the bills for the restoration to American ships of a fair share of the foreign carrying business.

President Denise appointed S. B. Ketcham, of Mercer, and John T. Cox. of Hunterdon, as representatives of the State Board at the pure food exposition to be held at Washington.

S. D. Willard, of Gereva, N. Y., and J. H. Hale, of South Glastonbury, Conn., delivered addresses in fruit culture.

THE FALISADES ROAD SECURED.

A CONTROLLING INTEREST PURCHASED BY THE NORTH JERSEY STREET BAILWAY COMPANY.

It has just been learned that the North Jersey It has just been learned that the North Jersey Street Railway Company at the time it purchased the stock of the North Hudson County Railroad Company also bought a controlling interest in the Palisades Railroad, which runs from the Hudson County line north into Bergen County a distance of four miles. W. O. Allison, the largest stockholder in the road, informed a reporter for The Tribune of the sale yesterday. The people along the line of the road believe that they will now obtain the long-looked-for reduction in the rates of fare. The Palisades road was constructed in 184 as a steam road, and when the motive power was changed the old rates of fare were still continued.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW. The January conference of the Newark Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held on Monday at St. Mark's Church, Paterson held on Monday at St. Mark's Church, Paterson. There will be prayers and conference at 5:30 p.m., supper at 6:30, council meeting at 7:30 and service and addresses at 8 p.m. The topic for consideration will be "What Work Can a Chapter of the Brotherhood Do in Towns and Villages?"

Addresses will be made by the Rev. Appleton Grannis, of Essex Falls, and the Rev. L. W. S. Stryker, of Passale. The discussion will be closed by the Rev. Dean Richmond Babbltt, rector of Christ Church, Newark.

ENGINEER RICK LIKELY TO RECOVER. Plainfield, Jan. 13 (Special).-Edward C. Rick, enineer of the Bound Brook local that was in the Lehigh Valley disaster at Greenbrook Tanks last Lehigh Valley disaster at Greenbrook Tanks last Monday, has improved to such an extent that the physicians at the Muhlenberg Hospital think he will recover. Little Henry John Borrea, whose skull was fractured, will also recover. The other fifteen patients are all improving. Superintendent W. O. Spriggs and several other railroad officials called at the hospital last night and obtained short statements from the injured railroad employes and several of the passengers. What was said is kept secret.

TO REVIEW THE CURFEW ORDINANCE. Vineland, Jan. 13.—Citizens of Vineland have raised a fund to be used to certiorari the Borough Council's curfew ordinance, to have its constitu-tionality passed upon by the Supreme Court.

TO ABOLISH BOARDS OF FREEHOLDERS. Senator McDermott, it is said, will introduce a bill next Monday to abolish County Boards of Freeholders and create commissions of seven members. four of one party and three of another, the Com-missioners to be elected, each party to nominate four and the seven receiving the highest number of votes to compose the Board; the salary of the Commissioners to be \$500 a year. To obviate oppo-sition the act is to become operative only in coun-ties in which it has been accepted by the voters.

WOOLLEY MADE CHAIRMAN.

RE-ELECTED BY THE HUDSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

The Hudson County Republican Committee organized last night. The meeting was in the commit-tee's home, Lincoln Hall, on Jersey City Heights. The organization element expected a spirited contest with the faction led by Congressman Mc-Ewan, and made a canvass to induce those to attend the meeting who were known to be loyal and who would vote for the re-election of the o ficers who have been at the head of the com-

tee for five years. tion. Forty of the Congressman's followers wear-ing badges of the McEwan Association arrived saffy and importuned the committeemen to retire Chairman Woolley and vote for the anti-Machine candidate. The Congressman took a position of vantage in the hall near the door and warmly greeted each ommitteeman as he entered. The anti-organization faction had not agreed on a programme a few moments before the meeting began, and was un-certain whether to nominate McEwan or some other amitteeman for chairman against Woolley.

As McEwan entered the assembly hall he was received with hearty applause. Chairman Woolley, who walked in a few minutes later, also received a

who walked in a few minutes later, also received a cordial greeting.

It was after a o'clock when the committee of 189 met for its last session. Chairman Wooley read a report, in which he reviewed the political nistory of Jersey City and Hudson County since has, and said that, although the city and county are Democratic, the nonors have been even, as the Republicans have secured three victories and suffered three defeats. Referring to the suspiciously large Democratic vote at the lest election, he said it was partly fraudulent, which would be revealed on investigation, intimating that an inquiry would be instituted. In speaking of the committee sinancial condition, he said it list it had a balance of \$38, and now it has a home of its own worth 50.00, on which there is only \$4.00 mortgage, and under the agreement the committee will pay off \$60 annually, which it can readily do, and in nine years it will be free from debt.

The old committee then adjourned sine die, and the new committee organized. Flavel McGee. **xps. chosen temporary chairman and John J. Erwin temporary secretary. The latter announced that 286 of the 386 members had qualified.

The voting strength of the two factions was

chosen temperary chairman and John J. Erwin, temporary secretary. The latter announced that 2% of the 386 members had qualified.

The voting strength of the two factions was tested when a motion was made by the McEwanites that the ballot for officers be a secret one. It was defeated by a vote of 139 to 31.

Woolley and McEwan were nominated for chairman, and the result of the ballot was: Woolley, 239 votes; McEwan, 41. The other officers were reelected.

OBITUARY.

Mount Holly, Jan. 13 (Special) - Captain Douglass Mount Holly, Jah, is (special)—along Douglass, of the have been the oldest retired officer in the United States revenue cutter service, died here this afternoon, from the grip. He was the inventor of the life-saving car that is used in shipwrecks, and for this invention Congress gave him \$10,000.

Andrew H. Watson, seventy-nine years old, died in the control of the life in the control of the life invention Congress gave him \$10,000.

Andrew H. Watson, seventy-nine years old, dietath his home, No. No. Shippen-st., Weehawken Heights, on Thursday. He lived in North Hudson for half a century, having lived formerly in West. Hoboken. Mr. Watson's wife, who was ten years his junior, died on January 2, and soon after her death he contracted a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia. The funeral service will be held at Grace Church, Union Hill, this afternoon at 2.39 of the colors of the colors of the colors of the colors of the colors. Majawan, Jan. 13 (Special). Jacob Romain. eighty-two years old, died at South Keyport last

night. He was apparently in his usual health up to within three hours of his death. He had lived in Keyport for many years, and was one of the old-est citizens in the township. Glen Ridge, Jan. 13.-William B. Crawford, ffty-New-York Custom House died at his home, in Clark-st, last mght. He was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and was a stanch Republican. He leaves four daughters who are

Plainfield, Jan. 12 (Special).-Mrs. Sarah Bradshaw, who had lived in North Plainfield for twen-ty-one years, died last evening at the home of her ty-one years, died last evening at the home of new son-in-law. Albert L. Force. Editor of "The Daily Press," She was borr in Birmingham, England, in 1819, but came to this country when a child. She was a member of Trinity Reformed Church. She had been in feeble health for a long time, and recently she suffered several strokes of paralysis. Before she cume to Plainfield she lived at Newark and Elizabeth. She leaves three children—Mrs. A. L. Force, of North Plainfield, and George Bradshaw and Robert Bradshaw, both of Newark.

SCHLIFE'S REPORTED CONFESSION.

HE VISITED THE SCENE OF THE MURDER OF MISS ANDERSON EACH TEAR.

Perth Amboy, Jan. 13 (Special).—A rumor is current that Harry Schlinf, accused in 182 of murdering Herter Mary Anderson, whose body was found in the woods on the outskirts of Perth Amboy, has contessed to the crime, on his deathbed in a Chicago hospital. The police have no official knowledge of such a confession, but it is generally believed. Schlipf was a railroad man, and the report is that he west burt in a wreck.

Schlipf was an enlieptic. He was charged with the crime, and was tried, but was acquitted. The girl was sixteen years old, and was going from her home to that of her employer. C. W. Boynton, at Sewaren. She left home at a o'clock and less than two hours later her body was found, her throat cut from car to ear and two bullet wounds in her breast. Perth Ambey, Jan. 13 (Special).- A rumer is cur-

breast.
Chief Burke of the local police force is authority for the statement that Schilpf has visited the scene of the murder on its anniversary, and tells of seeing him there several times. Others say that they, too, saw him, and when questioned he always made an evasive crept as to his presence there. He has not lived in Perth Amboy for several years.

A DARING HOLD-UP.

A HARDWARE CLERK FURNISHES THE PISTOL AND LOADS IT FOR THE BOLD ROBBER

Camden, Jan. 13 (Special) .- It was a daring foot pad who went into Elwood Antrim's hardware store, within a stone's throw of Police Headquare ters, in Stockton, at 4 o'clock this afternoon "Let me see some revolvers," said he.

Mr. Pennock, the clerk, brought out a box full. "Will 32-calibre cartridges fit these?"
"Yes," replied the cierk, who obligingly put cartridges in one of the pistols.

Pocketing an empty pistol and quickly lavelling, the loaded one at the astonished clerk's head the daring robber demanded money. Pennock gave up daring robber demanded money. Pennock gave up the contents of the cash drawer. The thief ranout and so did Pennock Jail Warden Gilck just up the street, was apprised of the robbery, and a man hunt followed. The stranger was found counting his money. He pulled his pistol, but Gilck sot the drop on him, and after a hard fight, in which his nose was broken, the fellow was carried off to jail. He is a tail, well-dressed man, who says his name is Harry Costello, but he refuses to talk about himself.

OLD SWEETHEARTS REUNITED.

New-Brunswick, Jan. 13 (Special).—The marriage at Bound Brook a few days ago of James H. Jones, seventy years old. of Plainfield, and Mrs. Anna. Martin, sixty-five years old, of Bound Brook, has recalled a romance of over a generation ago. Mrs. Jones was Miss Anna Davis. Forty years ago she and Jones lived at Stelton, and became engaged, but there was a quarrel, and the engagement was but there was a quarrel, and the engagement was broken. Mulford Martin married Miss Davis. and they lived in Piscataway until six years ago, when Martin died, and Mrs. Martin moved to Bound Brook. Jones had married a young woman in Philadelphia, and seventeen years ago they moved to South Piainfield. Three years ago they moved to South Piainfield. Three years ago they moved and met Mrs. Martin They talked of old times and renewed their courtship. Mr. and Mrs. Jones each have three sons and three daughters living.

NEWARK'S HANDS TIED.

In an opinion submitted to the Newark Board of Works, City Counsel Price informs the Board that it has no legal right to prevent pollution in a watershed and charge the cost to the East Jersey Water Company.

The Board's engineer had reported to the Board.

that the company has done very little in the last that the company has done very fitting the three months to abolish nuisances in the Pequannock Valley, although there was an agreement that the company should do so, and the company's representatives were invested with the power of Newark health officers for this very purpose.

CORTLANDT PARKER'S NARROW ESCAPE. Hackensack, Jan. 13.—Cortlandt Parker, the ven-erable counsel of the Erle Railroad, and father of Congressman R. Wayne Parker, had a narrow secape from death at the New-York, Susquehanna and Western station this morning. He came here on the train which simost killed him, and was accompanied by one of his sons. After alighting the train far discovered that he had been stilled, and returned to the car for them. While he train sarted. He tried to jump off while the train was in motion, and fell. He rolled toward the train, and was almost under the wheels, when his son caught him and prevented his going further. longressman R. Wayne Parker, had a narrow as-

ALL BECAUSE OF A ONE-CENT STAYP. A verdict of \$1,000 damages was awarded by jury in Newark last night in the case of Robert A. Hollister against Theodore T. Wood, treasurer of the United States Express Company, and E. T. Kelly, a porter at the company's office in Newark, Hollister sued for \$10,000. He refused to pay for one-cent revenue stamp on an express receipt, at in a fight which resulted alleges that the pervasanted him brutally.